

Appl. No. 09/981,878
Reply Brief dated 12/10/2007
Reply to Office Action of 10/10/2007

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of:	:
Genty et al.	:
	: Before the Examiner:
Serial No: 09/981,878	: Dennis G. Bonshock
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Filed: 10/18/2001	: Group Art Unit: 2173
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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD	: Confirmation No.: 7330
OF VISITING BOOKMARKED WEB	:
PAGES WITHOUT OPENING A	:
BOOKMARK FOLDER	:

APPELLANTS' REPLY BRIEF UNDER 37 CFR §41.41

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a Reply to the Examiner's Answer dated October 10, 2007 in accordance with 37 CFR §41.41.

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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ARGUMENTS

In the RESPONSE TO ARGUMENT section of the Answer Brief regarding Appellants' argument that Bauersfeld et al. do not teach the steps of ***activating a browser for a first time in a day, wherein the browser, upon activation, has at least one icon associated with the first one of the bookmarked web pages in the sequence; and of accessing and displaying the first one of the bookmarked Web pages by asserting the icon***, the Examiner asserted that the claim does not limit against a user being able to select a session path from the drop down menu before using the "Back" and "Forward" buttons to initiate traversal. Appellants respectfully disagree.

The claimed invention specifically includes the limitations upon activation, the browser has at least one icon associated with the first one of the bookmarked Web pages in the sequence.

The word UPON indicates that one event is followed immediately by another event (see Encarta, an online dictionary by Microsoft). In the claimed invention, the first event is "activating a browser for a first time in a day" and the second event is "having at least one icon associated with the first one of the bookmarked Web pages in the sequence." There are no intervening events between the two events.

If a user has to select a session path from a dropdown menu after activating a browser in order to associate an icon in the browser with the first one of the bookmarked web pages in the sequence then there is an intervening event between activating the browser and the association of the icon with the first of the bookmarked Web pages in the sequence.

That is, the association of the icon with the first of the Web page in the sequence does not occur UPON browser initiation. Therefore, Appellants submit that Bauersfeld et al. do not teach the steps of ***activating a browser for a first time in a day, wherein the browser, upon activation, has at least one icon associated with the first one of the bookmarked web pages in the***

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sequence; and of accessing and displaying the first one of the bookmarked Web pages by asserting the icon as in the claimed invention.

Hence, Appellants kindly request reversal of the rejection.

Respectfully Submitted

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